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SUBJECT : INTERNATIONAL COMPUTER INSTITUTE CONFERENCE OF OCTOBER
 20-21, 1970, PARIS .

1. NUMBER OF COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING INCREASED SHARPLY FROM EARLIER
 CONFERENCES. BESIDES GERMANY, BELGIUM, FRANCE, UK, GREECE, LUXEMBOURG
 AND THE NETHERLANDS, WHO HAVE BEEN ACTIVE INSTITUTE, CONFERENCE
 ATTENDED BY CANADA, DENMARK, IRELAND, NORWAY, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND AND
 TURKEY. ITALY AND AUSTRIA EXPECTED BUT ABSENT.

2. REPORT OF THE SEPTEMBER PREPARATORY MEETING OF DIRECTORS OF
 COMPUTER INSTITUTES FROM UK, GERMANY, GREECE, ITALY AND FRANCE
 (POUCHED TO
 DEPT. OCTOBER 15) PROVIDED DETAILED RECORD OF DELIBERATIONS.

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THIS REPORT WAS SHARPLY CRITICIZED BY SOME DELEGATES FOR FAILING TO ADEQUATELY DEFINE OBJECTIVES, SPECIFY TIME FRAME IN WHICH COLLABORATION WOULD EVOLVE, OR PROVIDE COST BENEFITS ANALYSIS. THE CONFERENCE DREW UP NEW GUIDELINES FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF COMPUTER INSTITUTE DIRECTORS IN DECEMBER AT PISA TO USE IN DEVELOPING A MEDIUM TERM PROGRAM (TWO TO THREE YEARS). SPELLING OUT PRIORITIES AND FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS.

3. CONFERENCE ACCEPTED RESEARCH PROGRAM ADVOCATED BY THE COMPUTER INSTITUTE DIRECTORS. THE DIRECTORS HAD FULLY ACCEPTED THE BASIC CONCEPTS DEVELOPED IN NATO. A CENTRAL INSTITUTE WOULD BE SUPPORTED BY PARTICIPATING NATIONS TO SERVE AS CLEARING HOUSE FOR INFORMATION, COORDINATE RESEARCH IN NATIONAL LABORATORIES AND UNDERTAKE RESEARCH BEYOND CAPABILITY OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS. CENTRAL INSTITUTE WOULD HAVE DIRECTOR, SUPPORTED BY SMALL SECRETARIAT, AN ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL TO DETERMINE POLICY, AND SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL COMPOSED OF EXPERTS TO MANAGE OPERATIONAL PROGRAM.

4. AS FIRST STEP DIRECTORS OF COMPUTER INSTITUTES HAVE BEGUN COLLABORATION ON SPECIFIC RESEARCH PROJECTS IN SOFTWARE PORTABILITY, (SEE PAGE TEN, EXPERT GROUP REPORT) AND HAVE AGREED TO MEET IN PISA DURING THIRD WEEK DECEMBER TO EVALUATE INITIAL RESULTS AND DEVELOP PLANS FOR EXPANDED COOPERATION.

5. SINCE PISA MEETING WILL BE FIRST INDICATION OF THE VALUE OF COLLABORATION, AND WILL CONSIDER FUTURE PROGRAM, ALL NATIONS REPRESENTED AT PARIS CONFERENCE INVITED PISA MEETING. NINE COUNTRIES HAVE ALREADY INDICATED THEY WILL BE REPRESENTED BY DIRECTOR OF COMPUTER INSTITUTES OR BY QUALIFIED OBSERVERS. REQUEST WE BE ADVISED IF US TO BE REPRESENTED.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS OF PISA MEETING WILL BE CONSIDERED AT A PLENARY CONFERENCE TO BE HELD PARIS, THIRD WEEK OF JANUARY 1971. THIS CONFERENCE SHOULD PRODUCE TENTATIVE CONCLUSIONS ON FORM OF ORGANIZATION AND ON APPROACHING INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

7. INFORMAL DISCUSSION OF CHARACTER OF CENTRAL INSTITUTE INDICATED GENERAL CONSENSUS FAVORING SMALL ORGANIZATION MIXED GOVERNMENTAL PRIVATE CHARACTER, ORGANIZED UNDER LAWS OF MEMBER NATION WITH FLEXIBLE LEGAL REQUIREMENTS, POSSIBLY LOCATED INITIALLY AT SITE OF ONE OF COLLABORATING NATIONAL INSTITUTES.

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